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POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

In the Matter of:

BASALT IDAHO 83218  
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: A2012-1

Paul & Joy Freeman Petitioner(s)

### PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the BASALT post office. The Final Determination was posted Sept 15, 2011 (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

- 1- It would be a shame to close down our Basalt US Postoffice, only to find out the relief measures proposed and approved by President Obama could have saved our Basalt Post Office
- 2- The combination in the budget of All the small post offices amount to only 1% of the total postal budget. Our small office mini scales that amount.

A drop in the bucket will not be enough money saved by closing our office to change the postal defect.

3. We need the security of our mail. We are not on a rural road. We are a small Community. The Post Office is our hub. There is a lot of activity on our streets. Mail boxes along the streets could be very enticing & a temptation for those who are bored & looking for something mischievous to do. Thus creating a problem for the security of our mail.

4. Our Basalt Post Office has been here in some form since 1888. It is important to us to keep our identity as a community. Pat Donahue, on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 2011, thanked President Obama for the provisions being put in place for the U.S. Postal Service. He stated, "I would like to thank the President for acknowledging the enormous value the USPS has on the nation's Commerce, & Communication in the World."

Our Basalt Post Office is equally just as important to us in our community. It is the Hub of our Community & we need it. It has been here for a long time. We need to keep it for a lot longer time to come.

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